

Goochland County Electoral Board
Minutes, January 11, 2022

The Goochland County Electoral Board was called to order at 6:01 pm. Present: Vice Chair Wanda Taylor, Secretary Robin Lind, newly appointed Electoral Board member Pam Johnson, and Director of Elections Ryan Mulligan. Former Chair Keith Flannagan's term expired on December 31.

The secretary enquired of the Director of Elections if Ms. Johnson's appointment and oath had been presented to qualify her to serve. Upon affirmative answer he then explained that because of failing eyesight he no longer felt capable of exercising the duties of secretary and nominated the following slate of officers for the coming year: Pam Johnson, chair, Robin Lind, vice chair, and Wanda Taylor, secretary. The motion was seconded by the vice chair and adopted unanimously. Ms. Taylor began taking minutes as secretary.

The chairman stated that she was thrilled to serve. She also stated that it her desire to remove every impediment to a good, clean, honest, and fair election. She will report to the party quarterly during the business meeting.

The Director of Elections submitted the name of a candidate for Officer of Election which was accepted unanimously subject to approval of both the Precinct Chief and the Director of Elections. The vice chair encouraged the Director of Elections contact both parties to obtain their approved list of Officers of Elections.

The Director of Elections then submitted the latest voter registration counts. There are 20,291 active voters in the county. The board reviewed the registration count by locality.

Discussion then turned to redistricting. The chairman commended the work that was done and thought that the presentation of the map was excellent. The Director of Elections stated that every voter will be in a different congressional district therefore everyone will be notified. The chair suggested adding red lettering to the envelope to alert that new voter information is inside. The Director of Elections stated that he would investigate it. The board reviewed the map. The population increased by 1400 and 402 – St. Mathews Church precinct increased by 500. The board discussed the possibility to promote to the Board of Supervisor a change in district 4 and 5. The new community Mosaic on Hockett Road was not counted in the census and therefore we will have to look at the total count in district 5.

The Director of Elections reported briefly on the new and pending legislation. The board was made aware of legislation to report absentee by precinct. The vice chair explained Lee Ware's bill HB15 in reference to the response to the many FOIA requests that are received during general elections.

Officer Reports:

The vice chair has no report but had earlier discussed his concern with legislation. He will also send out the calendar for 2022 for the board review before the next meeting.

The chair reiterated the deadline for the party to submit Officers of Elections is the 1st week in Feb and requested a change to the meeting

date in February to comply. Motion was made and the vote unanimously carried to have the meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6 pm.

The secretary welcomed Pamela Johnson to the board.

Motion was made by the secretary, seconded by the vice chair, and the board voted unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to the State Code Section 2.2-3711 A. 34. and A7. Discussion or consideration by the State Board of Elections or local electoral boards of voting security matters made confidential pursuant to §24.2-625.1, and discussion of possible litigation.

Motion to return to public session was made by the secretary, seconded by the vice chair, the board voted unanimously to come out of executive session and affirmed that there had been no discussion of matters not permitted under the cited sections of the Code.

There being no further business, on a motion by vice chair, seconded by the secretary, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wanda Taylor, Secretary